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SUBJ : NEW CAPITAL: U.S. VISIT: ITINERARY

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1. CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) HAS NOW PROVIDED ITINERARY WHICH VARIES SLIGHTLY FROM THAT GIVEN OUR 5453 AND THUS REPLACES IT. CDA MAKING OWN PLANE RESERVATIONS AND WILL PROVIDE ASAP. REVISED SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

A. THREE PERSONS (EXECSEC. I.J. EBONG, BR. MBR. DR. UMAR G. BENNA, PLANNING ASSISTANT JOSEPH O. OKUNFULERE, LATTER'S NAME CORRECTED); JUNE 11 THROUGH 13: REST STOP HONOLULU, MAKING OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS; 14: TO LOS ANGELES; 15-16: LOS ANGELES (PLS BOOK COURTESY CALL ON MAYOR FOR 15TH; 17: FREE DAY; 18-19: SACRAMETO; 20: TRAVEL FROM SACRAMENTO TO WASHINGTON.

B. FOUR PERSONS (THREE ABOVE PLUS CDA CHAIRMAN M. AJOSE-ADEOGUN, WHO ARRIVES WASHINGTON JUNE 19 RPT 19 ACCRODING CDA): 21-22: WASHINGTON; 23-24: COLUMBIA, MD.; 25: WASHINGTON WRAPUP, EVENING DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK; 26-27: NEW YORK, DEPART LATE 27TH FOR TAMPA, FLA.; 28-29: TAMPA, DEPART LATE 29TH FOR MIAMI; 30-JULY 2: MIAMI, DEPART LATE JULY 2 FOR RIO DE JANEIRO.

2. HOTEL RESERVATIONS: CDA DESIRES DEPARTMENT MAKE RESERVATIONS
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LOS ANGELES THROUGH MIAMI EXCEPT WASHINGTON, WHERE

NIGERIAN EMBASSY CAN HANDLE (COORDINATE EMBASSY). GROUP MEMBERS UNDER NO RPT NO FIXED DOLLAR LIMIT (CHECK THAT WITH EMBASSY) BUT DESIRE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AS FOLLOWS: SUITE OR EQUIVALENT FOR CHAIRMAN AJOSE-ADEOGUN AND EXECSEC. EBONG, SINGLE OR DOUBLE FOR BENNA AND OKUNFULURE. LATTER SAYS EACH VISITOR PAYS OWN BILL.

3. CDA HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING DETAILS ITS INTERESTS IN U.S. THIS IS LARGELY BOILERPLATE SENT EACH COUNTRY AND MUST BE INTERPRETED ACCORDING CHARACTERISTICS EACH LOCALITY IN U.S. VISITORS NOT RPT NOT SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR EACH LOCALITY TO IMPROVE ON FOLLOWING: (BEGIN QTE):

A. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP IS TO ENABLE OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE EXPERIENCES OF THE COUNTRIES WHO HAVE AT ONE TIME IN THEIR HISTORY BUILT NEW CITIES FROM SCRATCH. IN WASHINGTON WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN STUDYING AND EXAMINING:

B. THE HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT OF THIS CITY FROM THE ASPECT OF ESSENTIAL PRELIMINARY STUDIES, PLANNING DESIGN, ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING WORKS REQUIRED;

C. THE GENERAL METHODOLOGY AND LOGISTICS WHICH WERE ADOPTED THROUGHOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS;

D. THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SYSTEM VIS-A-VIS ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT;

E. THE CHARACTERISTICS AND THE DEVELOPMENT PATTERN OF THE CITY;

F. THE STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND ALSO IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION;

G. HOW BUILDING MATERIALS WERE PROCURED FOR IMPLEMENTING THE VARIOUS PROJECTS AND THE MAIN CONTRACTORS THAT WERE EMPLOYED;

H. THE VARIOUS LAWS AND LEGISLATIONS IN EXISTENCE; AND

I. HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AT VARIOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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STAGES OF THE PROJECT WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEMS THEY ENCOUNTERED AND HOW SUCH PROBLEMS WERE TACKLED.

J. IN LOS ANGELES, SACRAMENTO, COLUMBIA NEW TOWN, TAMPA AND MIAMI, WE SHALL BE MORE INTERESTED IN THE ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND PLANNING ASPECTS OF THESE CITIES. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AUTHORITIES TO ENABLE US UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THEIR STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONAL EFFICIENCY.

(END QTE).

4. EBONG DEPARTS LAGOS MAY 23. BENNA AND OKUNFULURE DEPART MAY 29. AJOSE-ADEOGUN DEPARTS JUNE 19. CLARIFICATIONS SHOULD BE SOUGHT BEFORE MAY 23.

5. CDA THUS FAR HAS IDENTIFIED THREE SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS TO BE WORKED INTO SCHEDULE:

A. LOS ANGELES: EBONG AGREED TO THREE HOUR VISIT WITH ARCHISYSTEMS (LAGOS 5385). COORDINATE WITH FIRM'S PLANNING DIRECTOR, ABRAHAM KRUSHKOV, 213 786-0211.

B. WASHINGTON: SESSION DESIRED WITH INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING IN MUNICIAPL ADMINISTRATION, WHICH PUBLISHED BOOK "PRINCIPALES AND PRACTICE OF URBAN PLANNING." INSTITUTE CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION, 1140 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W.

C. WASHINGTON: DESIRE DISCUSS POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO NEW CAPITAL PROJECT OF LANDSAT (ERTS) SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY.

6. ALTHOUGH EBONG DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH RECEIVE CONSULTANT-PLANNERS THIS VISIT BECAUSE OF LIMITED TIME, PARA 4 G WOULD SEEM PERMIT INTRODUCTION TO PLANNERS AND BUILDERS NEW TOWNS ON ITINERARY. JUNE 25 WASHINGTON WRAPUP MIGHT PERMIT LOW-KEY SESSION WITH ENGINEERING OR BUILDERS ASSOCIATIONS.

7. IN STUDYING FEDERAL-STATE OR, IN WASHINGTON, FEDERAL-DISTRICT RELATIONSHIPS, GROUP PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DEFECTS OR ADVERSE EFFECTS EXISTING OR PAST RELATIONSHIPS IN ORDER AVOID DUPLICATING THEM HERE.

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IM IN PLANNING SCHEDULE, MINOR VARIATIONS MAY BE MADE IN ABOVE ITINERARY WHERE OBVOIOUSLY INDICATED, I.E., LESS TIME IN COLUMBIA, MORE ELSEWHERE IF THIS MOST SENSIBLE.

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